Dear Henry,

5/12/81

On the 20th of last month I was rushed to the hospital at night for further and emergency arterial surgery. I got home the one of last week. I'm more limited in what I can do, I'm weakerand I tire easily.

As we pursued discovery in the spectro case, as I believe you know from Jim Lesar, who was to write you, we got supposed copies of all the spectro plates. They were not identified by their Q or C numbers. We finally got a response from the FBI on that. My copy came today. I'm enclosing a copy of the xeroxes of the plates, with the FBI's addition of Q nos.

While I never know enough about spectrographic examination and have forgotten much of what I did know, it seems strange to me that a single plate, said to be an original, includes the results of so many tests of so many different specimens. It also seems strange that the first, of 11/23/63, basedon which the FBI lab filed a report with the Dallas police, indicates identification of carbon and iron only. We know they tested lead, but this does not reflect that. Etc.

Right now identifying each of these specimens is beyond me. If you could and could add anything on the plates and anything else, it would be quite helpful.

I am certain that I do not have plates representing each pertinent specimen subjected to spectrographic analysis. But that is separate from the integrity of what the FBI has provided, which is really what I'm asking about.

But if you know on any other spectrographic or NAA testing of any other JFK materials, please let me know.

I'd appreciate the return of these after you finish with them. Feel free to annotate them if that is easier for you. I want them as my subejct file copies. (It is getting to be more and more of a problem for us to make copies. Feel free to make all the copies you want, if any.)

There is always the need to be alert to FBI trickery. They are practised. And they dearly love to be able to come up with a putdown. But this hardly seems to be full and complete spectro testing of the identified specimens. Yet these are supposed to be copies of all the plates, made from the originals.

We will need the info soon, if you can provide any. Jim will have to prepare to depose the FBI SA who did the searching.

Hastily,